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1. IN HOCKADAY'S ABSENCE, WE DELIVERED TO HENN, HEAD OF

DS-12, MOD, THE RELEVANT POINTS MADE REFTEL A. HENN RESPONDED BY NOTING THE ISSUE IS BY NO MEANS A NEW ONE. OBSERVING THAT THE MATTER IS IMPORTANT AND THAT THE UK HAD INDEED BEEN AN ADVOCATE OF A LOW CEILING IN THE INITIAL 5-YEAR PLANNING NEGOTIATIONS, HENN SAID THAT IT IS MOD'S DESIRE TO TREAT THE ISSUE WE RAISED "MOST CONSTRUCTIVELY". HE SAID THAT WHILE HE COULD NOT MAKE ANY IMMEDIATE PROMISES, HE COULD ASSURE THAT THE MATTER AND OUR URGINGS WOULD BE RAISED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS. HENN SAID THAT HE WAS OBLIGED TO OBSERVE THAT THE CURRENT FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS UNDER WHICH MOD IS OPERATING, MAKES IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO INCREASE AN ALLOCATION AT ONE PLACE WITHOUT DECREASING IT AT ANOTHER. AS ALWAYS, THE ISSUE IS ONE OF PRIORITIES AND OF BALANCE.

2. WE ARE PROMISED A CONSIDERED BRITISH RESPONSE "IN DUE COURSE".

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